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Accountability should be required of the parents adopting also. It is important that we try to avoid disruptions.

The recent trend to do away with readoption laws in States has also in the main done away with post-placement studies and support. I recently heard about a case where fraternal twins were adopted from another country to a home that already had one child. One has apparently been acting out and is not getting along with the child already in the home. So now, apparently the family plans to terminate their rights with that twin and keep the other twin. I am horrified. The agency involved has apparently not either done a good job in educating the family about adoption and parenting issues before placement nor are they apparently providing sufficient support following placement.

Just because an agency is licensed to place children doesn't mean they should be allowed to do international placements - a different license should be involved in international placements.

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